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eration that know little of him but by "tradition of the elders." On the second Sunday of the present year, after long and weary illness, he appeared again in his place, and, with the rich intonations of that well-remembered voice, read a brief and appropriate discourse, which was accompanied by a pre-arranged order of services adapted to the occasion, and followed by an eloquent anniversary sermon by the junior pastor, Rev. C. A. Bartol. Mr. Bartol rightly deemed this epoch of commemoration a fit time to commence a series of biographical discourses on Dr. Lowell's predecessors; — Hooper, who, after being instrumental in gathering the church, sought refuge from the stern and sad theology of his day in the then less stringent creed and milder discipline of the English Establishment; Mayhew, the leading liberalist of his time, the strenuous, invincible champion of civil and religious freedom, in whose engraved portrait his laurel-wreathed pen surmounts an archiepiscopal mitre; and Howard, who witnessed the scattering of his congregation, and the conversion of his church into a barrack, became himself an exile, and on the return of peace gathered the remnant of his flock, and nourished them from weakness to a high standard of vigor and prosperity. These biographies, and other sermons and documents suggested by, and connected with, the anniversary that we have described, make up, with Dr. Lowell's address, the volume before us. Mr. Bartol's discourses display his wonted quaintness, beauty, and power of thought, imagery, and style. The biographical sermons are less memoirs than sketches of character. His subjects were rich, and he has done them ample justice. His sermon on Mayhew is especially noteworthy, as an adequate, whole-hearted, and noble tribute to the memory of a truly great man, and as a specimen, rarely equalled and almost never surpassed, of forceful, yet delicate and discriminating characterization. We earnestly hope that we may persuade him at some future time to be *pro hac vice* his own reviewer, and to give us such a paper as he only can write, on the worth and services of Mayhew as a Christian patriot.

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13. — *The Roman Exile*. By GUGLIELMO GAJANI, Professor of Civil and Canon Law, and Representative of the People in the Roman Constituent Assembly, in the Year 1849. Boston: John P. Jewett & Co. 1856. 12mo. pp. 450.

THIS book suggests high hope for Italy. The author — a man of keen moral sense, and strong religious faith — represents himself as in these regards in full communion with "Young Italy"; and if this be

so, there must be a latent force underlying the entire social state and the complex political fabric of the peninsula, which needs only concentration and maturity to throw off the yoke of priestcraft and tyranny. The work before us is the author's life-story, so replete with touching incident and adventure, so redolent of generous humanity and tender piety, so charged with the outbursting fires of impatient patriotism, and withal told with a *naïveté* so sweet and simple, that none can read it without emotion. The exile's pen is working mightily for his enthralled land, and such writers are bespeaking for their country the helpful sympathy of all Protestant Christendom in the final struggle, whenever its hour may strike.

14. — *The Earnest Man; or the Character and Labors of Adoniram Judson.* By MRS. H. C. CONANT. 16mo. pp. 498.

THIS memoir was prepared in accordance with the dying request of Mrs. Judson, who had intended herself to perform the same office for the Christian public. It is designed, not to supersede Dr. Wayland's "Life of Judson," but to furnish for wider circulation a less bulky and less costly work than his. Dr. Judson was not only a successful missionary, but one of the great men of our century; and he would, in any secular profession, have stood not one whit below the first. Mrs. Conant has done her work genially and happily. We rejoice in its completion; for Dr. Judson's name and character ought to be made the common property of his native, as they will one day be the chief glory of his adopted country.

15. — *Lectures Read to the Seniors in Harvard College.* By EDWARD T. CHANNING, late Boylston Professor of Rhetoric and Oratory. Boston: Ticknor and Fields. 1856. 12mo. pp. 298.

PROFESSOR CHANNING (we speak deliberately and warily) accomplished more for the purity, simplicity, and grace of American literature than any man that has ever lived, — much by these lectures, incalculably more by his criticism of College themes, so intolerant of verbiage, so severe in its canons of taste, so jealous of the adequacy of expression to thought, so merciless to meretricious ornament, mixed metaphors, and mock-eloquence, so patient in the development of genuine ability, so generous in the indulgence of a diversity of gifts, if they only were gifts, and not mannerisms. This volume has come to hand too